



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week Of: June 22 , 2015

AROUND TOWN

The old CCHS Building is slated for demolition in August and should be completed before the start of school this September.

Summer Break for Concord Public Schools begins this Thursday, June 25th.

Paving on Main Street and 97 Thoreau St. will be starting early next months, please expect delays.

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Rangers: Ranger Roan Callahan joined the Division last week, and Brendan Callahan begins Monday to enforce rules and regulations around White Pond. They will be ensuring that users stay on marked trails, respect trails closures, maintain dogs on leash at all times, and that there is no swimming from Town lands. Roan and Brendan will be on staff through the end of August.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC) June 17th meeting: The NRC heard the following matters: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) for 1337 Old Marlboro Road for the installation of a septic system and utilities and reconstruction and expansion of the existing driveway; a NOI for L.G. Hanscom Field to replace the approach lighting system for runway 11; and, a NOI for 144 Park Lane to demolish and reconstruct a single family house with foundation drain and lawn expansion. The Commission issued an Order of Conditions for 23 Musketaquid Road to reconstruct and expand a portion of the existing structure and a Certificate of Compliance was issued for 490 Lexington Road. The Commission also met with representative for CC@Play to discuss changes to the playing field design. CC@Play will proceed with construction in accordance with the Order of Conditions issued for this project.

Harrington Ave Slope Restoration: Four bids were received to restore the slopes at the former Rogers land off Harrington Ave. Division staff are evaluating proposals and will be submitting a recommendation for award to the Town Manager within the next week. Work will include removing embedded and surficial debris, removing a failing timber wall, re-grading the old farm road, and slope stabilization. Work is anticipated to be completed by the fall.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

New Lighting Rebate Program for Commercial, New Construction , and Major Renovations: Concord Light now offers a rebate to business customers who install lighting that uses even less power per square foot than the code-mandated Lighting Power Density in new buildings or in build-outs of existing space. Because commercial lighting equipment lasts about 13 years, installing energy efficient lighting from the get-go will reduce building operating costs for years to come. Go to http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_LightPlant/CommercialLightingNewConstruction to learn more about this new program.

Help Cut Summer Peak Demand: Help lower Concord's summer peak demand by joining Concord Light's Google Group, Concordians Addressing the Peak (CMLP-CAP). Group members get an email (just a few each summer) when high electric demand is predicted so they can voluntarily reduce electric use. This can help cut our annual wholesale power costs, which helps hold down costs for everyone. Join the group by sending an email with the subject and body blank to: Cmlp-cap+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Existing members need not rejoin this year. Program details are [here](#).

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

As of Monday 6/15/15, all of the fire protection systems were disabled at the old high school. The alarm system has been shut down and the water supply to the sprinkler system was disconnected. This was done to accommodate the ongoing demolition.

On 6/17/15, Concord Fire Investigated a car fire that occurred inside the building Concord Auto Body shop on Westgate Park. The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental by work being performed on the vehicle. There was no damage to the building.

On Friday 06/19/15, Firefighter Brendon Lyons graduated from the 9-week Firefighting Recruit Academy held at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Firefighter Lyons performed admirably alongside recruit firefighters from across the State. Brendan's father, Kevin Lyons, is a retired Deputy Fire Chief from Acton and co-presented Brendan with his graduation certificate at the Academy's Event last week.



PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

BUILDING INSPECTION DIVISION

Assistant Local Building Inspector leaving: After working for the Town over the past year, Assistant Local Building Inspector Christopher Canney is trading in a long commute for a new job in Framingham. The Inspections Division is currently seeking a new person to fill this position.

141 Keyes Road building lighting: All of the outside parking lot and entry door lighting has now been switched out to new LED lighting. This is expected to reduce our electric costs tremendously in the years ahead. The next phase of this work will be to change out all of the ceiling lighting within the building over the next year.

HEALTH DIVISION

Routine Health Division Activities - Health Division staff provided the following services:

- ◆ Septic system permitting: 3 septic system deep test holes witnessed; 4 septic permits issued; 10 septic field inspections; 1 Certificate of compliance issued. 1 Building Review and 2 Sewer Reviews completed.
- ◆ Food service: 4 food service inspections; Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) review for Food Service Consultant at Woods Hill Table; pre-operational inspection at Trails End Café; review of renovation plans for Dunkin Donuts on Sudbury Rd. Consultation with Marriot Extended Stay Hotel on Baker Ave. regarding design of food service operation and swimming pool. 1 temporary food and 1 caterer permit issued. 1 request to the MA Department of Public Health for technical guidance on wholesale food licensing.
- ◆ Other: 6 camp pre-operational inspections and 3 re-inspections; 3 consults with camp programs; 1 review of new camp program advertising without permitting. 1 housing complaint inspection.

Water Main Break at Rt. 2 rotary: Health Division staff responded to the broken water main at the Rt. 2 rotary by answering numerous phone inquiries about the situation and alerting affected food service establishments not to use water from the tap until the situation was corrected.

CHNA 15 Steering Committee Meeting: Susan Rask attended her first meeting as a member of the Committee.

PLANNING DIVISION

Historic Districts Commission June 18th meeting: The HDC reviewed one continued and three new applications for changes within the Historic Districts. The Commission approved Certificates of Appropriateness for a new dormer and roof addition to 548 Lexington Road and new paint colors for 333 Main Street. The Commission also reviewed new applications to add a second story to the garage at 469 Lowell Road and to alter and add additions to the existing house and barn, construct two new garage structures and create a second driveway at 50 Monument Street. These last two reviews were continued to the Commission's next meeting on July 9 to allow time for site visits to both properties.

Historical Commission June 16th meeting: The CHC began their review of the proposed demolition at 577 Monument Street under the Demolition Delay Bylaw and scheduled a site visit to further review the property on Wednesday, June 24. The Commission also reviewed and approved three new house marker plaques and received an update on their Archaeology Project.

Brookside Square: Town staff from Planning and Public Works met with the Brookside Square development team to discuss the latest design proposal of two pedestrian bump-out crosswalks on Commonwealth Avenue and various easements within the development for public access by pedestrians and vehicles. The developer is intending to have everything in place this summer in anticipation of a Certificate of Occupancy in August. The developer also informed staff that they have entered into a lease agreement for a 100-seat restaurant in the first floor commercial space. Town Engineer Bill Renault and Director Marcia Rasmussen also visited the site in West Concord to consider final location details.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail: Members of the Advisory Committee met with local railroad enthusiast Henry Keutmann and Historic Commission member Geoffrey Taylor to discuss the content for the historic interpretive signs that will be installed in West Concord as part of Phase 2C of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Also, the Phase 2A Ground-breaking Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 25th at 11:00 a.m. in NARA Park, 25 Ledgerock Way, Acton (off Route 27).



HUMAN SERVICES DIVISIONS

RECREATION • COUNCIL ON AGING • COMMUNITY SERVICES • YOUTH SERVICES • VETERANS OUTREACH

NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 1, 2015 -10:30am-12:30pm – at Bedford Children’s Center. Finding Community as a single parent –sponsored by First Connections – a morning for experienced single mothers and single mothers of infants to get together in a supportive atmosphere with a parent support specialist. The first hour will be a parent discussion on finding community and taking care of you. The second hour will include lunch and time for families to get to know each other.

Please RSVP to lmattthews@jri.org

First-Time Moms Group – Tuesdays 1:00-2:30pm
June 23, 30, July 7, 21, 28 --meetings held at First Connections in Concord / Registration required: lmattthews@jri.org

Ongoing New Mothers Group – Wednesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm. Every Wednesday , held at Emerson Health & Wellness Center, 310 Baker Avenue, Concord (in the yoga studio) –any mother with a pre-crawling baby is welcome.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wondering About Mental Health Services? Formerly known as MSPP INTERFACE Referral Service -- call the William James College INTERFACE Helpline 617-332-3666 x1411 or 888-244-6843 x1411 for resource information and/or provider referrals from a mental health professional. It’s a free service for Concord/Carlisle Residents

The Community Services Coordinator **met face to face with 4 Concord residents this week, received 45 phone calls and 65 emails all related to assistance requests.** The requests range from rent and utility bill payment assistance to homelessness. Some of the requests were related to food assistance, transportation assistance and summer camp assistance. Many referrals were made to Hugh Cargill Trust, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Concord Housing Authority, SNAP, WIC, Carlisle COA, Concord COA, the Regional Housing Office and Concord Elementary Schools. **Six of the contacts were “new” contacts, people who have not made contact with the CSC before for assistance.**

Back to School Backpacks Program. This program offers free new/unused backpacks that contain school supplies for children going into Kindergarten through 8th grade.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Both CFPL locations will be closed on the following dates: 6/27, 7/3, 7/4 & 7/11. Full-day Saturday service will resume at the Main on 7/18 for the remainder of the summer. The Fowler Branch Library will be closed on Saturdays in July and August.

Later this summer CFPL will offer an Orion StarBlast 4.5 -inch Astro Reflector Telescope for checkout at the Fowler Branch Library. This service has been made possible by the generosity of a local donor and the Aldrich Astronomical Society. Watch for an announcement regarding its arrival in the coming months.

Effective June 30th CFPL will no longer offer Freegal’s downloadable and streaming music services due to limited usage. Downloadable and streaming digital content continues to be available via Hoopla, Zinio, and Over-Drive subscription services.

Escape the Ordinary this summer by participating in the Concord Free Public Library’s summer reading program for adults, which will begin on Monday, June 29th and end on August 7th with a raffle and ice cream social.

The Escape the Ordinary program kick-off event will feature the Daniel J. Brown’s New York Times Bestseller, *The Boys in the Boat* on July 6, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Fowler Branch Library. Two local Olympian rowers, John Biglow and William Becklean will relate their experiences to this story of how nine American rowers won the Gold medal at the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Please also join library staff members for a book discussion on *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel J. Brown on either July 15th at 10 a.m. at the Main Library or on July 22nd at 2 p.m. at the Fowler Branch Library.

Please also be sure to save the dates for our evening summer concert series on the front lawn beginning at 7:00 p.m. as follows: (7/8) Samba Tremeterra Concert; (7/22) Johnny Fireseed and the Junkyard Dogs; (8/5) Panache Quartet. In addition, we are pleased to welcome back the Concord Players for the 3rd consecutive summer for William Shakespeare’s “*The Comedy of Errors*” July 25th – 26th and August 1st – 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy these wonderful outdoor cultural events.

Free Admission for Two with towel donation at Discovery Museum, Acton: June 22nd-July 3rd
Donate new/gently used towels at the Discovery Museum and receive 2 passes for free admission to both museums. Towels will be donated to Household Goods in Acton for families in need. For more information www.discoverymuseums.org

